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INDEPENDENCE COUNTY MAN INDICTED FOR MANUFACTURING AND POSSESSING BOMB

LITTLE ROCK – Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas and Phillip Durham, Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announced today the indictment of Keith Tyler Forrest, age 20, of Magness, Arkansas on two counts of unlawfully manufacturing and possessing an improvised explosive bomb. The indictment also charges that Forrest was both a felon and an unlawful user of a controlled substance at the time he possessed the improvised bomb.

On October 16, 2010, a homemade bomb was discovered by a local citizen on the Dota Creek Bridge in Independence County. The citizen contacted the Independence County Sheriff's Office who requested the assistance of the Arkansas State Police (ASP) Bomb Squad. The ASP Bomb Squad responded and rendered the device safe by destroying the device. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted an investigation which resulted in this indictment. Forrest was arrested on state charges and remains in custody.

The four-count indictment charges two violations of the National Firearms Act, which carry a possible punishment of up to ten (10) years in federal prison and/or up to a \$10,000 fine. The felon in possession and unlawful user of a controlled substance charges each have a possible sentence of up to ten (10) years in federal prison and/or up to a \$250,000 fine.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, along with the Independence County Sheriff's Office and the Arkansas State Police. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Gordon.

An indictment contains only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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